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PROGRAMS FOR OVERSEAS AMERICANS -- SINGAPORE

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1. SINGAPORE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (SACAC)
BEGAN OPERATIONS IN SUMMER 1973/(SURVEYS AT THAT TIME SHOWED
THAT 16 PERCENT OF THE 800 STUDENT POPULATION BETWEEN 7TH AND
12TH GRADES WERE FREQUENT USERS (MORE THAN TEN TIMES A YEAR)
OF DRUGS. SINCE THEN THE SCHOOL POPULATION IN THE SAME GRADES
HAS INCREASED TO 927 WITH 1975 SURVEY INDICATING A HIGHER
PERCENTAGE USING DRUGS. AT SAME TIME INEXPENSIVE HEROIN HAS
FLOODED THE MARKET SINCE APRIL, 1973 AND IS NOW USED BY 18
PERCENT OF AMERICAN TEEN-AGE DRUG USERS. FOR THESE REASONS,
SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS IN SINGAPORE HAVE PROPOSED THAT SACAC
CONTINUE TWO MORE YEARS PROVIDED ADEQUATE FINANCING AVAILABLE.

2. INFORMATION REQUESTED:
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A) NAME AND LOCATION: SINGAPORE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACTION

COUNCIL, 18 PARKLAND ARCADE, GOODWOOD PARK HOTEL, SINGAPORE.

B) CONTACT: ROBERT REYNOLDS, ADMINISTRATOR. LOCAL SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS ARE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL, AND 99 AMERICAN AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN SINGAPORE. AMERICAN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE SITS ON SACAC COUNCIL.

C) ALL CATEGORIES CITED SERVED BUT HOST AND THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS LIMITED TO 30 PERSONS COUNSELLED PAST YEAR. SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF 175 CLIENTS WHO HAVE USED COUNSELLING FACILITIES FALL BETWEEN AGES 14 AND 18. ANOTHER 750 YOUTHS (VIRTUALLY ALL AMERICANS) INVOLVED IN ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS.

D) TYPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED: PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLING, DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES (SPEECHES, SEMINARS, DISCUSSION GROUPS, HANDOUTS); ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS (YEAR ROUND SPORTS, ARTS AND CRAFTS, SUMMER EMPLOYMENT AND CAMP); LIAISON WITH AND REFERRAL SERVICES TO APPROPRIATE MEDICAL FACILITIES; LIAISON WITH SINGAPORE AUTHORITIES.

E) TO GIVE SACAC GREATER CONTINUITY, SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS DECIDED THAT SACAC SHOULD OPERATE ON A TWO-YEAR BUDGET BASIS. COMBINED FY 74/75 FUNDING TOTALLED US\$129,325. SAODAP PROVIDED US\$35,000 AND REMAINING \$94,325 CONTRIBUTED BY AMERICAN AND MULTINATIONAL FIRMS IN SINGAPORE.

F) SIZE OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO BE SERVED FY 76/77 IS ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY 8,500. PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN BY CATEGORIES IS: DOD PERSONNEL 0.6 PERCENT; DOD DEPENDENTS 1.0; FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL 0.4; FOREIGN SERVICE DEPENDENTS 0.8; OTHER USG EMPLOYEES 0.1; OTHER USG EMPLOYEES DEPENDENTS 0.2; NON-USG AMERICANS 96.9.

G) TENTATIVE ESTIMATE OF ADDITIONAL SACAC FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS TO CONTINUE PROGRAM AT PRESENT LEVEL FOR NEXT TWO YEARS (SEPTEMBER 75 - SEPTEMBER 77) IS US\$115,000. SINCE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS CURRENTLY NOT AS GOOD AS DURING LAST FUND RAISING DRIVE AND ALL FIRMS ARE CUTTING COSTS, SACAC BELIEVES MOST IT CAN RAISE FROM LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS U.S.\$85,000. CONSEQUENTLY, IT HOPES US\$30,000 CAN BE PROVIDED FROM USG SOURCES. THIS ESTIMATE IS A BALL PARK FIGURE AND WILL BE REFINED OVER NEXT 3 - 6 MONTHS AS PROGRAM NEEDS AND FUND RAISING POSSIBILITIES ARE MORE THOROUGHLY SCRUTINIZED.

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H) STATEMENT OF NEEDS (OTHER THAN FINANCIAL). SACAC MAY SEEK (A) VISIT OF MEDICAL/SOCIAL WORKER TEAM TO EVALUATE PROGRAM AND PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION FIELD; (B) ACCESS TO U.S. TREATMENT FACILITIES. CRONK

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